

Family Preservation Services: The Impact on Families

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Purpose of research

👤 Conduct outcome evaluation

👤 AACWA


👤 Assessment of needs

👤 Services offered


👤 Long term outcome

Research Question

Quantitative:

 What is the impact of Family Preservation services in reducing risk of harm to children thereby preventing out of home placement?

Qualitative:

 What are the perceptions of families receiving services from the Family Preservation Program about the services they receive and how helpful they were?

Method

Quantitative

-  Chart file review

 -  Questionnaire

-  Pre-post quasi-experimental study

-  Independent variable

 -  Family Preservation Services

-  Dependent variable

 -  Reduce risk of harm

Method

Qualitative

-  Simple random sampling

-  Face to face interviews

 -  Questionnaire

-  Independent variable

 -  Level of participation




 -  Appropriateness of services offered

 -  Services most helpful

-  Dependent variable

 -  Family remain safe

Demographic Results

-  The quantitative study was comprised of 14 chart file reviews.
-  Total number of children in study was 32 with the mean number of children per home being 2.29.
-  71.4% of the families were single parent families. 28.6% were two parent homes.

‡ The nature of the reports prior to implementation of services:

‡ neglect: 57.1%

‡ physical abuse: 14.3%

‡ dependency: 28.6%

Quantitative results

♀ Chi-Square Goodness of Fit

♂ nature of services - did ooch occur

♀ (chi-square(1) = .325, $p > .05$)





♂ did family successfully complete - were there subsequent reports?

♀ (chi-square(1) = 12, $p < .05$)




♂ were there subsequent reports? - did oohc occur?

♀ (chi-square(1) = 8, $p < .05$)

Qualitative Study Results

-  Ten families were invited to participate in face to face interviews using a prepared questionnaire.
-  Letters/consent forms were sent to each family.
-  All families declined the interviews.
-  Family Preservation workers comments were compiled.

Results

-  ...client able to recite use of praise, attention, ignoring when needed, re-direction, child safety proofing, checking on a baby for hunger, being wet, hot, or colic.
-  ...client able to recite anger management has ways that she copes and self talk she uses to de-escalate herself.
-  ...client very cooperative in all interventions and activities she was asked to do.

Results

👤 ...client states that from having completed these exercises in Parents, Teens & Boundaries book, she now feels stronger and has hope for the future...client states she no longer feels overwhelmed with the family situation.

...client able to recite appropriate way to handle children when situations become frustrating.

Discussion

- ‡ Implications for practice
 - ‡ is it working?
- ‡ Strengths/limitations of study
 - ‡ quantitative
 - ‡ qualitative
- ‡ Future research
- ‡ Kentucky's kids

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